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SUBJECT: INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONS

1. COLUMINST G.K. REDDY REPORTS IN THE APRIL 6
"HINDU"THE ARRIVAL IN INDIA OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DUBS TO PRESIDE OVER AN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
OFFICERS' CONFERENCE. REDDY SAYS THAT DUBS WILL CALL
ON FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA AND ASSUMES THAT THEY
WILL DISCUSS INTER ALIA THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR
FUEL FOR THE TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER PLANT. IN THE SAME
ARTICLE, REDDY ALSO REPORTS THE DEPARTURE OF MEA
SECREARY M.A. VELLODI, WHO WILL ATTEND THE SSOD IN
NEW YORK AND, IN ADDITION, HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH US
NUCLEAR NEGOTIATOR JOSEPH NYE. REDDY THINKS THAT THE
DUBS-MEHTA TALKS, FOLLOWED UP BY A MEETING BETWEEN
VELLODI AND NYE, "MIGHT HELP TO HASTEN THE ISSUANCE OF
THE LONG-DELAYED LICENSE FOR THE FUEL SHIPMENT"
TO TARAPUR.

2. A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 7 "PATRIOT"
REPEAS REDDY'S OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE VISITS OF
DUBS AND VELLODI. IN ADDITION, THE "PATRIOT" REPORTS
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HAT VELLODI IS EXPECTED TO RAISE WIH THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE EXPANSION OF STORAGE FACILITIES FOR TARAPUR'S SPENT FUEL, WHICH "THE US IS BOUND BY CONTRACT TO TAKE...AWAY FOR REPROCESSING", BUT WHICH INSTEAD IS PILING UP AT TARAPUR.

3. SAMACHAR ALSO PICKED UP WORD OF DUBS' VISIT FOR THE

CONFERENCE AND SPECULATED THAT HE MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS TARAPUR AND OTHER MATTERS AT MEA.

4. PRESS GUIDANCE. IF ASKED, EMBASSY WILL SAY THAT DUBS' VISIT IS TO PRESIDE AT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE AND THAT HE MAY MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS. GOHEEN

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